

Labor Sees Foe In Tolbert Home Rule Proposal

Legislators' Council Attacks
Bill as Destroying the
Workers' Department in
N. Y. State Government

Asks for Police Inquiry

Use of Troopers in Strike
Areas To Be Protested to
Governor-Elect Smith

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
ALBANY, Dec. 12.—A fight on the Tolbert home rule bill, which was passed at the last session of the Legislature and which will have to pass the next session before being submitted to the voters, will be made by the New York State Federation of Labor, it was decided today at the annual meeting of the council. Charges that the Tolbert home rule plan virtually would destroy the Labor Department were made before the council in a letter from J. J. Sullivan, of New York, its adviser to the State Federation. The council also adopted a resolution urging upon Governor-elect Smith to investigate the conduct of members of the state police while on duty in strike areas. The resolution will be presented to the Governor-elect Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock by a special committee including James P. McGowan, president of the State Federation; Emmanuel Kovaleski, second vice-president; and John M. O'Hanlon, secretary of the executive council. It will be introduced in the assembly by one of state troopers in labor disputes, Mr. O'Hanlon said.

Oppose Judiciary Power Plan
The recommendation of the judicial convention for a constitutional amendment vesting in the judiciary powers in the judicial branch of government virtually removes legislative control and should be defeated, the council decided. This proposal was passed at the last session of the legislature and will come up again this year for passage before being submitted to the voters.

An exclusive state fund bill for workers' compensation insurance also was recommended by the labor men. A new measure, going even farther than the Downing-Campbell bill of last year, will be introduced, Mr. O'Hanlon declared. The new measure would make the state fund exclusive in the compensation field, except for municipalities. The Downing-Campbell bill was based on the redrafted measure.

Another resolution was adopted placing the State Federation on record as opposed to the stand of the National Women's party against special labor legislation for women. The resolution was introduced by the New York Women's Trade Union League.

For Women's Industrial Bureau
Other proposals included restoration of the bureau for women in industry as part of the Industrial Commission, rehabilitation of the labor bureau by the addition of more factory inspectors, increasing the number of compensation law referees to expedite relief for injured workmen, passage of a minimum wage law and an eight-hour day law, the bill proposing to require kiln-drying and fireproof walls for tenement houses and the restriction of the use of paint-blowing machines, which was pronounced a menace to the health of the painter, and forbidding

the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes without a trial by jury.
A resolution offered by the railroad shop crafts was adopted, calling upon the Delaware and Hudson Railroad to aid in relieving the coal shortage by setting the strike of its shopmen, and thereby relieving the rolling stock to handle coal shipments.

Rare Quality Colonial Furniture Auctioned Off

Discriminating Buyers Find
Choice Morsels at Sale of
Offerman Collection

Discriminating collectors of Colonial American furniture were active in the bidding yesterday for objects comprising the collection of Theodore Offerman, of New York City, which was sold at auction at the American Art Galleries for \$20,127.50.

Individual chairs of the "Windsor" type brought as high as \$500 because of their unusual style and quality of design. A New England combined bow and comb-back braced armchair, with the finest of turnings and saddle seat, bearing the date 1770, was sold to F. L. Johnson for the mentioned amount. A low-back writing arm Windsor chair, with drawer under the seat and two others under the writing arm, also brought \$360, going to Blanche M. Nolan.

The highest bid was made by Miss A. W. Clarke for the shell or sunburst corner cupboard, which she acquired for \$550. This unusual relic of early-day America, having a circular and domed interior, inclosed by glass doors, is dated 1740 and came from an old house in Matawan, N. J.

A set of two bow-back armchairs and four fan-back chairs, made by William Ait in 1770, was acquired by I. Sack for \$390. Miss A. W. Clarke gave \$240 for four curved stretchers bow-back Windsor chairs. Six braced bow-back Virginia Windsor chairs of 1790 went also to Mr. Sack for \$330. The carved armchair from Wallace Nutting's collection, considered one of the oldest and rarest types of American chairs, was purchased by F. L. Johnson for \$220.

American Missionary Set Free
PEKING, Dec. 12 (By The Associated Press).—Anton Lundeen, of Newman Grove, Neb., the missionary who was kidnapped by bandits in Honan Province, October 13 last, has been released. It was announced here today.

Three other Americans are still held captive and a commission will start for Honan Province, Thursday, to negotiate their release.

Payne Again Red Cross Head
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—John Barton Payne was re-appointed today by President Harding as chairman of the American Red Cross for another year. Mr. Harding made the appointment as president of the relief organization.

Bandits Shoot Banker, Get \$96,000 in Livestock Exchange

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—In a holdup at 1:40 this afternoon in the main lobby of the Live Stock Exchange Building, three bandits obtained \$96,000 and shot Thomas F. A. Henry, credit manager of the Drovers National Bank. Henry, wounded severely in one thigh, will recover.

Henry was carrying packages of currency from a postoffice sub-station in the Live Stock Building to the Drovers National Bank. The packages contained \$100,000 in currency. One of the packages containing \$4,000 was recovered. The bandits met Henry, four clerks from the bank and a house detective, who were carrying the money, in the lobby. Henry refused to obey their command to put up his hands and was shot as he made a desperate attempt to save the money satchel. He was removed to a hospital, where it was said he would recover.

Business Agents Pocketed Fees, Witnesses Say

Union Records Before Lock-
wood Body Also Indicate
That Failure to Account
Was Common Practice

Bookkeeping Methods Lax

Untermeyer Declares He Will
Recommend Law Requir-
ing Systematic Auditing

Testimony indicating that it was a common practice among business agents of certain building trades unions to collect initiation fees and pocket them without making an accounting was introduced yesterday at the resumption of the investigation of the building trades situation by the Lockwood committee. So lax was the bookkeeping system in some of the unions under fire that Samuel Untermeyer, counsel to the committee, said he would recommend to the Legislature the enactment of laws requiring auditing of the books of labor unions.

Several witnesses testified that business agents of the Independent Bricklayers' Union had collected initiation fees from the men, paid their own salaries out of it and rendered no accounting. One witness admitted, under Mr. Untermeyer's questioning, that he had signed a confession that he was more than \$800 short in his accounts. This witness was Michael Mullen, formerly business agent for Local 15, of the Independent Bricklayers' Union, but now business agent for Local 710 of the International Union of Hodcarriers. Mr. Untermeyer suggested that the case be presented to the grand jury.

Signed for Harmony, He Says
"Isn't it a fact," asked Mr. Untermeyer, "that when you left the independent union you confessed that you had taken \$800 of the union's money?" "I signed a paper in order to keep peace and harmony in the union," replied Mullen.

"But did not that paper state that you had taken the money?" asked Mr. Untermeyer. "I did not look at it," said Mullen, "but I can show where that money is."

The witness contended that two other business agents, Dioguardi and Postiglione, got ahead of him and collected the money from men to whom he had given receipts for initiation fees. Mullen said he never got a cent of the \$819, but he had signed the paper because members of the union told him they could get the money from Dioguardi and Postiglione. Mr. Untermeyer then read a paper signed by Mullen, dated April 10, 1921, in which he agreed to pay \$619. The paper was witnessed by two or three members of the union.

Reports of Stealing Common
"There has been an awful lot of stealing in the unions, hasn't there?" asked Mr. Untermeyer. "Yes, there may be," replied Mullen. "You know it is quite a common thing, don't you, this grafting in the unions by the business agents?" asked Mr. Untermeyer.

"Oh, I have heard of its thousands of times, sir," replied the witness. "But you think there ought to be some kind of protection for the men now, don't you?"

"Yes, sir; I do believe so," G. B. Dioguardi and John Postiglione were called as witnesses, and both declared that they had got any of the money to which Mullen referred. They declared that Mullen was "lying about it." Mr. Untermeyer showed from records of this and other unions that no accounting had been made of money collected by the business agents. Several witnesses testified in regard to quarrels and dissensions among the various unions. The hearings will be continued today at the City Hall.

Napoleon Memento Sold

An interesting Napoleon memento, being General Montholon's "Memoirs" with six different parts of the author's original manuscript with pencil corrections by Napoleon and a two-page folio manuscript in pencil in the Emperor's handwriting inserted, was sold yesterday at the Anderson Galleries for \$440.

This was one of the literary and historic items from the Henry Cady Sturges collection, which is being dispersed at auction ending this afternoon. The session yesterday brought the total sales to \$114,044.50.

A fifteenth century illuminated book of the hours in manuscript on vellum, with twenty miniatures representing the lives of the saints, brought \$250 from E. Weyhe. Gabriel Wells acquired several important items, including Ben Jonson's works with the engraved title by Hole, two volumes printed in 1616, for \$120; a fine copy of the first edition of Keats's "Endymion" for \$110, and the Kelmscott Press edition of Shelley's poems in three volumes printed in 1855, for the same sum.

A. & E. Pierce & Co. Close

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—A. & E. Pierce & Co., said to be Canada's largest firm dealing in raw furs, put up shutters today, paid off their staff and went out of business. The company has a New York branch. There were no indications of financial difficulties.

Army Orders

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Army orders issued today follow:

Infantry
Lyons, Lt. J. T., to Honolulu.
Leonard, Maj. J. E., to Omaha.
Gardner, Maj. G. H., to Flatishburg Barracks.
Wilson, Maj. D. S., to Jackson.
Muller, Lt. W. G., to Baton Rouge.
Veely, Lt. Col. W. S., to Salt Lake City.
Cecil, Maj. T. J., to Portland.

Medical Corps
Pendleton, Lt. Col. A. S., to Fort Logan.
Honorable discharge—Sweeney, Lt. J. Hamilton.

Miscellaneous
Levin, Capt. G. S., Ord. Dept., to Panama.
Merkel, Capt. W. C., Sig. C., to Fort Hamilton.

Lyons, Maj. G. A., Vet. C., to Chicago.

Fire Record

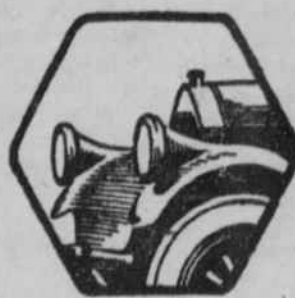
A.M. LOSS.
2:46—109 W. 144th st.; unknown.
3:06—3 Avenue A; awning; Ward.
3:46—Jerome and Bainbridge ave.
Bronx; taxi cab; Clark & Joseph Cooper Smith.

Haikowitz Triding
1:06—21 Orchard st.; National Pipe Co. Unknown
2:46—456 Lenox av.; Louis Silverman Unknown
3:06—522 5th av.; Michael Pruss Unknown
11:06—3224 Adam Place, Bronx; Joseph Cooper Smith Unknown

11:45—2195 5th av.; R. Rosenstock Triding
11:45—22 Jefferson st.; Frank Parlano Triding
P.M.
12:30—3210 3d av., Bronx; Sarah Kaufman Unknown
1:15—191 W. 118th st.; Goodwin & Goodwin Unknown
4:50—71 Trinity ave., the Bronx

Abe's Realty Co. Unknown
4:55—44 E. 15th st., the Bronx; Isaac Petron Unknown
4:55—44 E. 15th st.; Rose M. Gowan Unknown
4:55—17 5th av.; Samuel & Co. Unknown
4:55—419 W. 21d st.; L. Wihalt Unknown
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